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Ex-Senator Foraker says that he "shall not enter politics again." He is pleased with the peace and quiet of private life. He naturally would be for public cause has been of such a lively, almost turbulent, character that at one time he was known as "Fire Alarm Foraker."

While the State Senate was being so packed with opponents of the proposed Public Utilities commission that it is now reported as standing 23 to 9. Mr. Lilley was conversing, the State for Governor with vigorous arguments in favor of such commission and with equally vigorous attacks upon his Democratic competitor at the official in one of the public utility corporations. The little game was worked with exceeding skill.

When a jury accepts and acts upon the "unwritten law," there always follows an attack upon the jury system, which is, in our judgment, unjust and unwarranted. Juries were not created to serve as superior judges of facts and law, for they are not superior either as sitters of evidence or as interpreters of law. If we correctly understand, the jury system is intended to reflect public sentiment and thus to prevent too rigid interpretation of evidence and too inflexible application of law.

It may be somewhat the vogue, among Democrats as well as Republicans, to decry utterances upon public questions from Mr. Bryan, and yet he is undeniably much better equipped than are most of his critics to voice intelligent, well considered opinions. He is unquestionably right in classing the Taft Cabinet, with its collection of ex-Steel trust, ex-railroad and ex-Standard Oil attorneys, as non-progressive. We should prefer the characterization, "reactionary." Certainly, its personnel carries a strong impression of ultra conservatism.

President Taft's suggestion as a compromise between the Republican regulars and insurgents in the House, that a committee be appointed to revise the rules was practically refused by Speaker Cannon when he insisted that such committee should be named by himself. Naturally, the insurgents cannot accept a compromise which would simply mean a continuance of the present situation. It would serve to clinch the power of the Speaker.

What would Mr. Roosevelt do if he were now President? Would he take the side of the non-progressive regulars, as President Taft has done, or would he be found aiding the progressive insurgents with robust energy? The question really seems superfluous.

Secretary Wilson has refused to withdraw the decision that flour bleached with "nitrogen peroxide" is adulterated and thus comes within the scope of the Pure Food Act. It may be assumed that "nitrogen peroxide" means what is called "nitrite peroxide" by chemists.

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Most people will probably, upon learning the fact, approve most heartily the decision of Secretary Wilson.

For several years the Prohibition movement has been carried on with an energy betokening a practically unlimited financial backing. Cost of campaigning has palpably been disregarded. Generally speaking, Prohibitionists are not men of such wealth, and of such liberality in its use, as are required by a campaign which is country-wide in extent and which, in detail, reaches down into even the smallest towns. Where has come the necessary money, in such a large amount, has long been a puzzle.

President Malnes of the Rhode Island Liquor Dealers' association declares now that John D. Rockefeller is the "angel" of the Prohibition movement and has been paying the bills for the last three years. His assertion may be denied but it looks at least plausible.

The wonder of the matter is that a movement which claims to be the greatest moral agency of the country, outside of the churches, can consistently accept what has been called in some quarters "tainted money."

What the Government needs is a tariff for revenue, in order to bring its income up to its expenditures. Of course, this plan will not be adopted, except in spots. Duties on tea and coffee, which are or may come under consideration, class under the principle of tariff for revenue, as they are not

produced in this country, though coffee is one of Porto Rico's products, and can be produced in the Philippines. There is rather more than a possibility that a duty of from 4 to 6 cents a pound will be imposed upon coffee, despite the familiar old Republican argument that it would be "a tax on the poor man's breakfast table." If such a duty is not imposed, it will be because a very heavy surplus of coffee is now held by a syndicate of speculators which would rush it here before the tariff duty could go into effect and the government would then derive no revenue from coffee for perhaps a year, while the syndicate would gain heavily by selling the amount of coffee evaded duty to the selling price. Nevertheless, a duty on coffee would eventually come under the principle of "tariff for revenue" which has for years been denounced by the Republican party as pertaining to free trade.

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STRATFORD

An Address on Lincoln—How He Looked
Slumping for Temperance—The Day Before the Assassination—Horace Greeley—Battle of Bull Run—Gossip of the Town.

A very large audience packed the Congregational church Sunday to listen to Major Merwin's discourse on Abraham Lincoln. The pulpit was draped with the American flag, and just before the services began a dozen old soldiers of the civil war came into the church headed by John Thayer, son of Major Merwin. He is of course an old man. He has a white beard and wore a black skull cap, which gave him the appearance of a Hebrew Rabbi. He explained how it was that he first met Abraham Lincoln. He had been lecturing on temperance in Hartford, when a gentleman connected with one of the insurance companies of that city offered to give Mr. Merwin \$500 and pay his expenses if he would go to Lincoln's home in Springfield, Mass., to see him. Mr. Merwin had been interested in the cause, and lecture in the old State House at Springfield, when he finished the lecture, the audience began to cry for Lincoln. Mr. Merwin had never seen or heard of the man before. When he stepped upon the stage, Mr. Merwin was astonished. He was the strangest looking, most unkempt, and oddly dressed man he had ever seen. It appears that Mr. Lincoln had been in the basement of the State House looking up some point on international law, and that he had requested the janitor to tell him when Mr. Lincoln put out his hand and reached for a coat. He took the first one he hands found. It proved to be the janitor's and was much too small. The sleeves came down to his elbows, and his vest was some six inches longer than his coat, and did not meet the top of his trousers by some eight inches. His suspenders were held to his trousers by shingle nails, and his stockings were worn over his shoes. Mr. Merwin thought the audience was trying to play a joke upon him. Mr. Lincoln in answering the call went to the desk and began to speak. His subject was "divine and human, and the necessity of obeying the law. Mr. Merwin says he never heard a more powerful man had never met a man who had heard Phillips, and Beecher and all the great orators of the day, but never before such oratory and pathos. The audience was entirely oblivious to Lincoln's appearance, but wholly rapt up in what he was saying. At the conclusion of his address he asked Mr. Merwin to go home with him. The invitation was accepted and the two sat up until sunrise conversing with each other. Mr. Merwin being a young man had never before met a man who was so optimistic in regard to the future of the country. Neither of the men noticed the flight of time until the sun was rising. Mr. Lincoln asked Mr. Merwin a great many questions about the people of Connecticut, and the prompt politeness of the New England States. He was interested in the Maine law but had not seen a copy. Gideon Wells, a lawyer, came down to his law office, and the prompt politeness of the Navy; was one of the men Mr. Lincoln asked about.

The next day Mr. Lincoln telegraphed to Richard T. Atkinson, of Jacksonville, Ill., saying he wanted to come down and visit him and fetch young Mr. Merwin with him. Yates replied come down. This morning after breakfast, Mr. Merwin and a Senator from that State, Mr. Merwin and Lincoln stumped the State together for 10 miles, and then returned to Springfield. When they reached Jacksonville they found two churches crowded with people waiting to hear the speakers and a large meeting of people in the park. The result of the campaign was that the State came within 5,000 votes of going prohibition, and would have gone but for a last minute vote in the northwestern part of the State.

Mr. Merwin told how it was that he happened to be in Washington the day Lincoln was killed. He said that Mr. Lincoln was more afraid of Horace Greeley and the Tribune, who at that time was a sort of a religious day, than he was of Jeff Davis, Gen. Lee and the whole Confederate army. A problem which was giving Lincoln much of anxiety now that the war had closed, was what to do with the 200,000 negroes, formerly slaves, now soldiers with arms in their hands. They had no homes, no property, and were west out of the South. Gen. Butler proposed that the United States acquire a strip of land 20 miles wide across the isthmus of Panama, and that Butler would take the negro soldiers down there and dig the Panama canal. It was on this question that Mr. Lincoln was engaged, and he asked Major Merwin to come to Washington and take a paper he was preparing to New York for Horace Greeley to look at and get his opinion. He was also to stop at Philadelphia and see Col. McClure of the Times of that city and get his opinion. Mr. Merwin stayed at the Washington on Wednesday and went to the White House. He found it surrounded with a great crowd of people, and anxious to see the President. Mr. Lincoln saw as many as he could, and worked on his paper when he had a chance. The crowd grew all the time and was larger at midnight than at the evening. The night before the assassination Mr. Lincoln worked until 3 o'clock in the morning to get his document ready. During the evening Mr. Lincoln came to the room to say that she had received a box from the theatre folks. She heard that American Cousin, and that she had accepted it. She told Abe the Grants were going and that he must go. "But, Mary, my dear," said Mr. Lincoln, "to-morrow is Good Friday, a sort of a religious day, and I do not think we had better go." Mrs. Lincoln insisted and the world knows the result. It was at 2:30 on that same Friday that Mr. Merwin left the President and started for Philadelphia.

Major Merwin had a good deal to say about Mr. Lincoln's religious belief and asserted that at one time he did write a pamphlet, which was published, to prove that there is no God. But going deeper into the subject he found there was a great first cause, that it was beneficial, and that it always made for righteousness. And he acknowledged that Jesus is the Son of God, a divine power at work on all souls. He spoke of it as the All in All for a long time, but finally dropped the phrase. He was a man of prayer and often asked Major Merwin to pray with him. Once Henry C. Menning, a member of Congress from Connecticut, asked Mr. Lincoln what church he belonged to. The reply was "I do not know, if I am enough of a Christian to belong to any church. But if you will find me a church the creed of which is 'Love God With all Your Mind, Heart and Strength, and your neighbor as yourself, I will join it.'"

Major Merwin spoke of the first Battle of Bull Run, and how the soldiers were betrayed because the commissary department was in the hands of disunion men, and they had to fight without a mouthful to eat all day, and got no support from the power. He told the audience how Mr. Lincoln was surrounded by an unfriendly cabinet, most of the members of which were plotting to step into his shoes when he should retire. The haughty and supercilious Seward looked with ill disguised contempt upon the strange man from the west, and Mr. Chase thought the money power would crush the rebellion and all of them considered themselves greater men than Lincoln. No man knows how much Lincoln suffered, or what a terrible burden he carried. In closing Major Merwin made a strong appeal for the overthrow of the liquor power, and said Lincoln predicted that to accomplish this would be the next great movement of the American people. Lincoln never tasted liquor or tobacco. He felt that he had need of all his faculties, in their full strength, to do the work God had put upon him.

On Friday, Father O'Connor had a flying visit from James Cassidy of Pomfret. Mr. Cassidy was one of the trustees of the church, and Father O'Connor officiated. He was on his way to Irvington-on-the-Hudson. He was pleased with this old town and said to himself, "Father O'Connor is making such a success. He says Father Elty is in the best of health and is gaining flesh."

There is a rumor to the effect that Mr. Cranston, who recently married Miss Eva Benjamin, would like to purchase the old Benjamin house in Main street. The property is supposed to be worth about \$7,000. The house needs considerable overhauling, and if it was moved back from the street it would be an improvement.

Examinations in the center school begin on the 22d of this month, in anticipation of the Easter holidays. John Park of this town has found employment in Hartford, as assistant at the railroad station in that town. David O'Connor of Brooklyn, has been visiting David Hughes of Broad street.

Yesterday William Hughes entertained a friend from New York. William Wilson, coachman for Dr. Cogswell, has been very ill with the grip. Several members of his family are also on the sick list.

One unmistakable sign of spring in this town is the near approach of the first day of spring.

George R. Fryer is the gentleman who paid a visit to the Naugatuck Red Men a few days ago. Charles Wells has recently been in New York on business. It is thought by some that in the sweet spring time the town will rejoice in an auto delivery wagon.

There was singing yesterday at both of the Baptist churches. This afternoon at 2 o'clock the funeral of little Albert M. son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank H. Beach, was held at the home of his parents. He was but 40 days old. It is hard to realize that he has been taken away, and his parents leave the sympathy of all the friends. Mr. and Mrs. Beach are well known in town.

The following young men in town are attending the High school: Douglas Knowles, James London, George Hale, Harry Osterland, Emmet Beardsley, Ludwig Cassel, Harry Baldwin and Charles Andrews. The young ladies who are in the same class are Harriet Blakenham, Harriet Allen, Marjorie Lewis, Marjorie Sullivan, Florence Lewis, Frances George, Agnes and Margaret Doeck, Rachel Wilcoxson, Edna Viner, Jean Peck, Josephine Houghton and Annie Kierman.

The estate of the late Frederick M. Long amounts to \$2,992. A good deal of this was cash in the bank. The estate of the late Carl Johnson footed up to \$150.

Several pupils have had their names enrolled on the February list as attending school. They are announced as follows: Ledesma, Henry, John Stoll, Lewis Bristol, Fred Garry, Roger Beers, Lewellyn Kennedy, William Blamont and Rogers Beers. Rose Swenson, Ruth Haven, Christine Wells, Claribel Lewis, Mabel Wilcoxson, Marjorie Sammis, Evelyn Bullock, Dorothy Beardsley and her sister May, Marjorie Andrews, and Margaret Clapp, Genevieve Niver and Margaret Thompson. There are many more names waiting to be put in print.

Yesterday was filled with good sermons from good preachers, for the good people of this town. If preaching did any good, Stratford would take the lead.

Five or six lots of land have been sold in town the past week. The new comers will have to live in town while they wait before they will be counted as of the elect.

A few of the week end visitors in town were Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Clark of Bridgeport, Mrs. Calvin Smith and Mrs. Frank Cook from Milford, and Mrs. C. Anderson of Bridgeport. Well known citizens who have recently been out of town include Judge Peck, David L. Rhoades, Stiles Judson, Mr. Graham, William Beers, and Mr. Stagg who went to Fairfield, and many more who might be named.

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Present, Elmore S. Banks, Judge.
Estate of Jennie Stokes, late of Fairfield in said District, deceased.
Joseph I. Flint, Administrator.
ORDERED, That six months from the date hereof be, and the same are limited and allowed for the creditors to bring in their claims against said estate, and the Administrator is directed to give public notice to the creditors of said estate to bring in their claims within said time allowed, by posting a copy of this order on the public sign-post nearest the place where the deceased last dwelt, within the same town, and by publishing the same two times in some newspaper having a circulation in said Probate District, and return make to this Court of the notice given.

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